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SUMMARY COMMENTARY

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NSW REGIONAL DIRECTOR – CHRIS LIBRERI

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR



Welcome to the September 2008 edition of Statistics News NSW.

The last quarter of the year will be a busy time for ABS NSW, with the announcement of [changes to Australian Statistical Geographies](#), refinements to [Labour Statistics](#), and the [NatStats08 Conference](#) in November.

For those of you interested in [Accessing ABS Information](#), please come along to one of our complimentary website training Seminars on October 22nd or November 26th 2008 conducted within [ABS NSW Offices](#). These sessions include information on the broad range of [services available to NSW Government Agencies](#), and the wider community. More targeted, technical or tailored statistical training can be accessed through ABS's [National Statistical Training Institute](#), or by emailing training@abs.gov.au.

I would also like to draw your attention to the recent release of the latest [National Regional Profile \(NRP\)](#) including helpful [NRP Video Demonstrations](#) available for viewing here on the ABS Website.

Australian Social Trends 2008



AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS 2008

A SNAPSHOT OF AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY'S KEY INDICATORS AT THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEVEL

Release of Australian Social Trends, 2008



[Australian Social Trends, 2008](#) (cat. no. 4102.0) was released on 23 July. This publication presents information on a wide range of social issues and areas of public policy concern. The publication covers topics including Family and community, Health, Education, Work and Housing. It also provides international comparisons and includes data cubes

containing a ten-year time series of key indicators at both national and state/territory level.

We would like your views on the Australian Social Trends publication and how we can improve it. A website questionnaire is available for comment on the ABS website, www.abs.gov.au via the Australian Social Trends link.

Australian Social Trends - NSW data

Internet connections

In 2006-07, just under two-thirds (64%) of NSW homes had access to the Internet, with broadband out-numbering dial-up connections by a factor of two-to-one.

Risk taking

In 2004-05, around 11% of people in NSW aged 18-24 years regularly drank risky amounts of alcohol, compared with 15% of young people nationally.

First home buyers

In 2005-06, first home buyers in NSW had the highest average mortgages (along with the ACT) of around \$250,000. This compares with the national average for first home buyers of \$213,000.

Public transport

In 2006, around one in four (26%) people in Sydney used public transport to get to work or study. This was the highest rate of all Australian capital cities and up slightly from 1996 (23%). Just over two thirds (68%) of Sydneysiders travelled by private vehicle, while 5% either walked or rode a bike.

Education

More people in NSW now have qualifications such as a degree, diploma or certificate (61% of all people aged 25-64 years in 2007, up from 47% in 1997).

Volunteers

Around one in five people in NSW in 2006 were regular volunteers with women (21%) slightly more likely to volunteer than men (19%).

Adult kids living with their parents

One half of people (50%) aged 20-24 years in NSW live with their parents. This is second only to Victoria where 51% of people in this age group live with parents.

The **Australian Social Trends Seminar** is designed to give you an overview of Australian society and how it is changing over time. The seminar will draw on key trends and issues highlighted in articles and indicators in the 2008 edition of Australian Social Trends (cat. no. 4102.0).

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For further information contact Linda Fardell on (02) 6252 7187 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

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REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE NATSTATS08 CONFERENCE



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- Adam Spencer, Dinner Speaker
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- Dr Ken Henry, Secretary Treasury
- Greg Bourne, CEO, World Wildlife Fund Australia
- Enrico Giovannini, Chief Statistician, OECD and
- Rev. Tim Costello, CEO World Vision Australia.

See the NatStats08 website for the latest [program information](#) including the complete list of speakers.

If you would like more information about the conference program please call Mark Lound on (02) 6252 6325 or email inquiries@nss.gov.au.



National Regional Profile – OUT NOW!



NATIONAL REGIONAL PROFILE – OUT NOW!

THE LATEST RELEASE FOR USERS OF SMALL AREA DATA

The fourth edition of the [National Regional Profile](#) (NRP) was released on 28 July. The NRP provides a brief statistical summary of key economic and social information for various levels of the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC), including Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) and Local Government Areas (LGAs) making the NRP

a useful tool and valuable resource for users of small area data. Data in the NRP spans the years 2002 to 2006, where available, with data based on the geographical boundaries described in the 2006 edition of the ASGC.

Data are provided in the NRP from a variety of ABS and non-ABS sources covering: population characteristics, births and deaths, unemployment, taxable income, wage and salary earners, building approvals and motor vehicle sales etc., enabling users to obtain a snapshot of selected characteristics of a local area or to compare the same characteristics across areas. Some of the data in the NRP is not available anywhere else on the ABS website in the same level of detail. Additional data for New South Wales from non-ABS sources include: criminal incidents and public housing.

This release of the NRP contains a number of improvements on the previous edition including a new [NRP Welcome Page](#) to assist users in navigating through the product and locating data. Furthermore, 'Help' information includes a frequently asked questions guide and improved mapping includes the introduction of Local Government Area maps in this edition. Another new Help feature is a series of videos showing how to use the NRP. These can be found from the [NRP Video Demonstration](#) link on the Welcome Page.

We are interested in your feedback on the NRP. When using the NRP please take a few minutes to fill in the [Feedback form](#) available from the menu bar on the Welcome Page. Your responses will contribute to improving products and services in the future.

For further information on the National Regional Profile please email regional.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Where does the day go



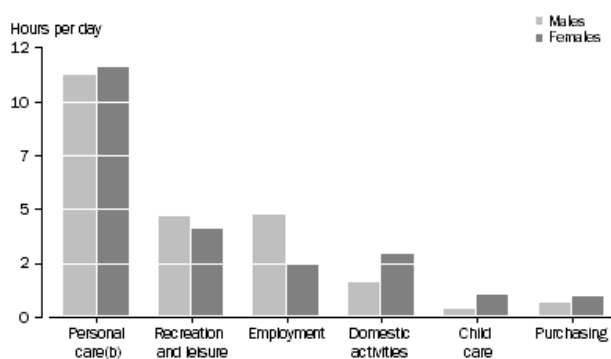
WHERE DOES THE DAY GO?

LATEST TIME USE SURVEY DATA

Time Use Surveys provide information on the daily activity patterns of people, and measure unpaid work in the home and community as well as time spent on other activities such as employment, leisure, social and community interaction and sleeping patterns.

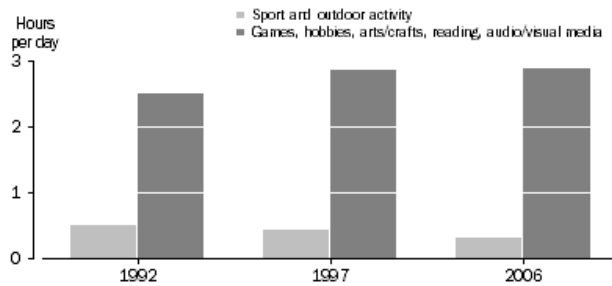
Recently, the ABS released the results of the latest Time Use Survey, in [How Australians Use Their Time, 2006](#) (cat. no. 4153.0). This is the third national Time Use Survey, creating opportunities for analysts to track changes in many aspects of Australian society. The results confirm that one of these changes is the continuing decline in the average time Australians spend in sport and outdoor activity, compared with other less physically active forms of leisure.

Time spent on selected activities(a) - 2006



(a) Averaged over all Australians aged 15 years and over.
(b) Includes sleeping, eating, personal hygiene, dressing and grooming.
Source: *How Australians Use Their Time, 2006* (cat. no. 4153.0).

Time spent on selected leisure activities(a)



(a) Averaged over all Australians aged 15 years and over.
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TIME USE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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Advances in Time Use Research: Methods, Analysis and Application.

For further information about [How Australians Use Their Time, 2006](#) or the International Association of Time Use Research conference please contact Elisabeth Davis on (02) 6252 7880 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Labour of love



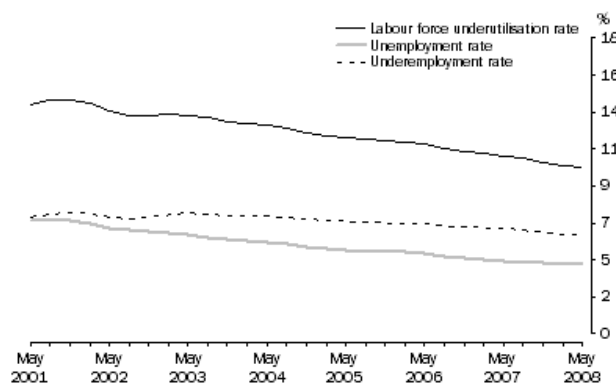
LABOUR OF LOVE

REFINING LABOUR STATISTICS IN AUSTRALIA

In an article in the July issue of [Australian Labour Market Statistics](#) (cat. no. 6105.0), the ABS presented for the first time quarterly estimates of labour underutilisation. This quarterly labour force underutilisation rate (QLFUR) replaces the existing annual rate which was first published in 2002 in [Information Paper: Measures of Labour Underutilisation](#) (cat. no. 6296.0). The new quarterly series has a more conceptually sound basis than the annual rate, and has provided the opportunity to produce more frequent and timely measures of changes in underemployment, and in turn, the underutilisation rate. In Australia, the labour force underutilisation rate is defined as the sum of the number of people unemployed and the number underemployed, expressed as a proportion of the labour force. It can also be viewed as the sum of the unemployment rate and the underemployment rate.

In May 2008 the trend QLFUR for Australia was 10.1%, lower than for May 2001 (13.9%), however, the contributions of the unemployment rate and the underemployment rate to this has changed over time. In May 2001, the trend quarterly unemployment rate and the trend quarterly underemployment rate contributed almost equally to the labour force underutilisation rate (6.8% and 7.1% respectively). Since that time the trend quarterly unemployment rate has fallen more than the trend quarterly underemployment rate (2.7 and 1.1 percentage points respectively) which has resulted in the quarterly underemployment rate assuming a larger proportion of the labour force underutilisation rate over time.

Quarterly measures of labour force underutilisation, Persons: Trend - May 2001 - May 2008



For further information, please contact Tracey Chester on (02) 6252 5609 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Improved family estimates from the Labour Force Survey (LFS)

While estimates of the labour force characteristics of families have been produced from the LFS since 1979, the survey was not specifically designed to produce high quality family estimates. The ABS is currently undertaking a project to make better use of the data available from the survey, and to implement an improved weighting methodology. Together these changes will deliver improved family estimates which are more in line with estimated resident population (ERP) and other ABS collections. The datacubes containing the improved family estimates are expected to be released in Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families (cat. no. 6224.0.55.001) on 16 October 2008.

For further information, please contact Carmel O'Regan on (02) 6252 6127 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

NSW Demography Update



NSW DEMOGRAPHY UPDATE

LATEST SNAPSHOT OF NSW

The NSW population at 31 December 2007 was 6.93 million people, an increase of 72,900 people (1.1%) over the previous 12 months. In 2007, there were 89,500 births in NSW and 46,700 deaths, resulting in a natural increase of 42,800. NSW also recorded a net overseas migration gain of 54,200 people and a net interstate migration loss of 24,000 people.

For the latest quarterly information on these and other key demographic indicators see Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

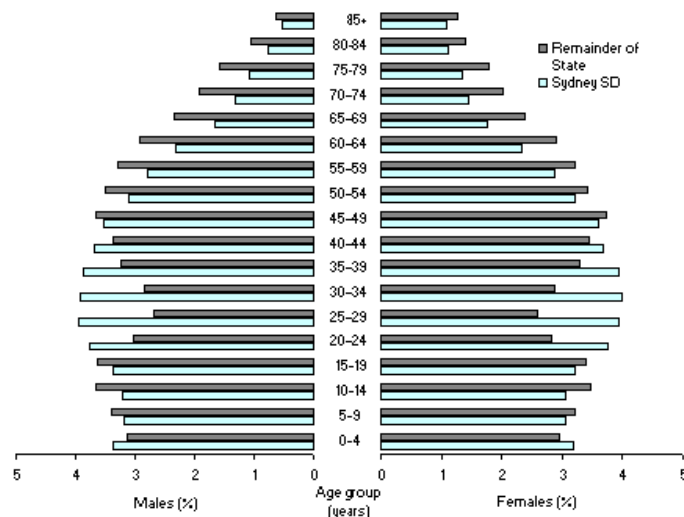
POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX IN NSW

There were 6.89 million residents in NSW at 30 June 2007. Almost one in five residents were children (19.4%) aged 0-14 years. Two thirds of the population (67.0%) were of working age (15-64 years), with 2.98 million working aged people residing in the Sydney Statistical Division (SD). Older people (65 years and over) represented 13.7% of the NSW population and were more likely to live in SDs along the NSW coast.

At 30 June 2007 there were 98.1 males for every 100 females in NSW. Females outnumbered males in all SDs along the NSW coast. The median age for NSW was 36.9 years. Reflecting their longer life expectancy the median age for females was 37.7 years, 1.5 years higher than males at 36.2 years.

For more detail on these figures see Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2007 (cat. no. 3235.0).

Population by age and sex, Sydney SD and Remainder of NSW, 30 June 2007



OUTCOMES OF THE REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION (ASGC)

The ABS will be replacing the current ASGC with the new Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) through an implementation strategy commencing in 2011. This decision is based on a review of the ASGC conducted in 2007. The [Information Paper: Outcome from The Review of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification](#) (cat. no. 1216.0.55.002) was released in July, and highlights the main stakeholder concerns arising from the review and the subsequent changes made to the ASGS to address these concerns.

The design of the new ASGS will occur throughout 2008-2010. Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2) design will be the next step in the process and will involve intensive user consultation with key stakeholders on the design of SA2s. There will be considerable opportunities for SA2 boundaries to be changed resulting from stakeholders feedback. The consultation period will be a 3 month process and SA2 design should be completed by mid 2009.

For more information on the outcomes and changes from the review see [Outcome from The Review of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification](#) (cat. no. 1216.0.55.002).

For further information on access to ABS publications and data contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070, email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Help for Local Government on the ABS Website



HELP FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE ABS WEBSITE

HOW CAN THE ABS HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

Local Government users of the ABS website can now access data at Local Government Area level, and information about ABS training available to Local Government clients.

Called '**Services We Provide to Local Government**', these new information pages include:

- How to find data for Local Government Areas
- How to keep informed about ABS releases and developments; and
- Information about resources and services available to help you use data.

Find these new pages by clicking on this link '[Services We Provide to Local Government](#)', or go to the ABS website www.abs.gov.au and on the Home Page, click on 'Services We Provide', then follow the link to 'Local Government'.

'**Services We Provide to Local Government**' is the latest in a series of help pages aimed at assisting ABS clients. Other 'Services We Provide' pages on the ABS website include: State/Territory Government, Small Business, and Universities.

Perspectives on Migrants



PERSPECTIVES ON MIGRANTS

SECOND EDITION OF PERSPECTIVES ON MIGRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

The second edition of Perspectives on Migrants (cat. no. 3416.0) was released by the National Migrant Statistics Unit on 20 August.

This issue contains descriptive articles with a common theme - population characteristics of overseas born migrants by region of birth. In particular:

- People born in Africa;
- People born in China and India; and
- People born in the Middle East.

These articles add to the range of information published in edition one.

Future articles will be released biannually on the ABS website providing informed commentary to assist those interested in issues related to migrant and ethnic population groups within Australia. In addition, some articles also illustrate how the Migrant Data Matrices (cat. no. 3415.0) and the Guide to Migrant Statistical Sources (cat. no. 3414.0) can be used as research tools.

For other new products from the National Migrant Statistics Unit please see the ABS Migrant and Ethnicity theme page or the half yearly electronic newsletter Migrant Statistics News (cat. no. 3413.0).

If you need assistance to find migrant and ethnicity statistical information, please contact the National Information and Referral Service (NIRS) on 1300 135 070.

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Free information and training in Census data and tools



Effective Business Planning and Decision Making using ABS data

Most marketers, researchers and policy makers fail to get their tax money's worth out of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data. This is because many people are simply unaware of what you can get from the ABS and, in particular, the amazing amount that you can get for free.

If you would like to find out what Census data is available and how you might use this to understand more about your clients customers or stakeholders, we are pleased to offer free online information sessions in the use of our powerful Census data and tools.

If you wish to discuss this offer please contact: Amanda Biloft, ABS National Account Manager on (02) 9268 4642 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

Conditions apply

Information sessions are available only in NSW for groups of 5 people. The sessions are a minimum duration of 30 minutes and a maximum of 2 hours for all existing published online data.

Housing Statistics Workshops

In July, the ABS hosted two housing statistics workshops in Sydney to obtain stakeholder input into a Housing Information Development Plan (IDP). Both workshops were well attended by housing data users from a range of NSW government agencies, community organisations and industry groups.

The workshop participants provided valuable input into key housing policy and research issues, unmet information requirements and future data needs. Particular issues raised included the need for better data on the housing stock, Indigenous housing, housing transitions for people with complex needs, and the impact of transport and other infrastructure costs on assessments of housing costs and affordability.

The Housing IDP is an agreement between data users and providers on actions to improve housing statistics to meet key policy and research needs. The ABS is currently conducting workshops across Australia to gain stakeholder input into the Housing IDP. Following the workshops the ABS will work with data providers towards establishing and implementing an agreed set of actions to improve the range of information available.

For further information on the Housing IDP, contact Elise Kennedy on (02) 6252 5508 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

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Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) Seminar

Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA, cat.no. 2033.0.55.001) are produced by the ABS to measure differences in socio-economic conditions across regions in Australia. Recently the ABS released SEIFA based on information collected in the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. The presentation will cover how SEIFA is constructed and its properties; changes made in 2006; and examples of SEIFA for New South Wales.

We would also like to hear from users of SEIFA, particularly if there are any barriers to using the product or if there are any future considerations you might have for SEIFA 2011 and beyond.

Our presenter, Jonathon Khoo, is a Director of the Analysis Branch in the Methodology and Data Management Division at the ABS. The Analysis Branch provides technical and analytical advice to other areas of the bureau. His team was involved in the construction and validation of SEIFA 2006. Jonathon's main other technical interest is in methods for small area estimation from sample surveys.

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For conference booking information, please contact the Conference Coordinator by email iatur@hotelnetwork.com.au.

Free Training - Accessing ABS Information

This 1.5 hour seminar will increase participants' ability to access and search ABS information, including the wealth of free data available on the ABS website. The course, suitable for a range of users from Government, Business and Library Sectors, will introduce participants to the range of ABS services, software and help available.

Wednesday 22nd October 2008, 10.30am

Wednesday 26th November 2008, 10.30am

To register your interest, please contact Imogene McKinnon on (02) 9268 4651 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

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NATIONAL STATISTICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, NSW COURSES 2008-09

Each ABS office offers practical, informative and relevant training to help you develop your statistical skills. These courses may also be tailored to suit your needs or additional programs can be developed as required, and presented at your own locality.

The ABS is pleased to offer the following scheduled courses in Sydney in 2008-09:

24/09/2008 [Principles of Questionnaire Design](#) (2 Days) NSW
16/10/2008 [Turning Data into Information](#) (2 Days) NSW
20/11/2008 [Making Quality Informed Decisions](#) (1 Day) NSW
26/03/2009 [Making Quality Informed Decisions](#) (1 Day) NSW
22/04/2009 [Turning Data into Information](#) (2 Days) NSW
07/05/2009 [Understanding Demographic Data](#) (1 Day) NSW
20/05/2009 [Analysing Survey Data Made Simple](#) (2 Days) NSW
03/06/2009 [Introduction to Labour Statistics](#) (1 Day) NSW
22/07/2009 [Basic Survey Design](#) (2 Days) NSW

To download full course descriptions and registration forms, please view the ABS Training page [here](#).

For further information about the National Statistical Training Institute's course offerings, contact Imogene McKinnon on (02) 9268 4651 or email training@abs.gov.au.

Selected Releases



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RECENT AND UPCOMING RELEASE FROM THE ABS

ABS publications are available to download free from the ABS website. To enquire about release dates, contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

Recent Releases

[Outcome from The Review of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification](#) (cat. no. 1216.0.55.002)

[Australian Historical Population Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3105.0.65.001)

[Demography News](#) (cat. no. 3106.0)

[Population Projections Australia](#) (cat. no. 3222.0)

[Population by Age and Sex, Australia, 2007](#) (cat. no. 3235.0)

[Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians](#) (cat. no. 3238.0.55.001)

[Divorces, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3307.0.55.001)

[Innovation in Australian Business, 2006-07](#) (cat. no. 8158.0)

Upcoming Releases

[Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0) (released 24/9/08)

[Marriages, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3306.0.55.001) (released 30/9/08)

[Counts of Australian Business Operators, 2006 to 2008](#) (cat. no. 8175.0) (released 30/9/08)

[A Profile of Carers in Australia, 2008](#) (cat. no. 4448.0) (released 14/10/08)

[Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia, 2006-07](#) (cat. no. 8104.0) (released 14/10/08)

[Migrant Data Matrices, 2008](#) (cat. no. 3415.0) (released 20/11/08)

[Picture of the Nation: The Statistician's Report](#) (November 2008)

[Age Matters](#) (cat. no. 4914.0.55.001) (November 2008)

A comprehensive listing of ABS Releases for the next six months can be found [here](#).

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DETAILS OF HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH ABS NSW

ABS Website: www.abs.gov.au

ABS National Information and Referral Service (NIRS):

ABS NIRS is the first point of contact for all your statistical and publication enquiries. NIRS can be contacted from anywhere in Australia between 9:00am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

Telephone: 1300 135 070

Fax: 1300 135 211

Email: client.services@abs.gov.au

ABS Information Consultancy:

A range of published data is available free of charge on our website and more detailed data can be tailored to your requirements as part of our priced information consultancy service. [Contact our consultants](#) who will discuss your needs in detail and provide you with an obligation free quote by calling our **National Information and Referral Service (NIRS): 1300 135 070.**

ABS NSW Library:

Level 5, St Andrews House, Cnr Kent and Bathurst Sts, Sydney.

Telephone: 1300 135 070

PLEASE NOTE: The library is available by appointment only and NSW ABS no longer has a bookshop. Library appointments and publication purchases can be made by calling the number above. The full ABS publication collection is also available at the NSW State Library.

ABS NSW Library Extension Program

NSW Regional Director: Chris Libreri (02) 9268 4236

Director NSW Statistical Coordination: Peter Damcevski (02) 9268 4238

Census Liaison Officer: For information on products and services from the 2006 Census contact Paul Roper on (02) 9268 4219.

NSW Statistical Training: Courses to develop your statistical skills and to help you make the best use of ABS information, contact Imogene McKinnon on (02) 9268 4651 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au

NSW Statistical Consultancy: Survey design and detailed statistical analysis by experienced consultants on a fee for service basis, contact Geoff de Baux on (02) 9268 4327 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au

Outposted ABS NSW Officers: Available to assist NSW Government agencies with statistical projects, for further information contact Allan McLean on (02) 9268 4795 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

Indigenous Engagement Officer: Enhancing ABS engagement with Indigenous communities in both data collection and dissemination, contact Anne Freer on (02) 9268 4206 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au

Statistics News NSW Newsletter: If you would like to be placed on our free newsletter email list, or make suggestions about content or usability of this newsletter, contact Imogene McKinnon on (02) 9268 4651 or email nsw.statistics@abs.gov.au.

About this Release

Statistics News NSW provides readers with new and relevant information about survey developments, user consultation, reviews, training, information sessions, major changes to the statistical program, State data releases and significant ABS data releases.